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Inventor(s) or Application Identifier

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Title: MULTIPOINT AUTOFOCUS SYSTEM

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form
2. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 78]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) [Total Sheets 16]
4. ☒ Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - a. ☐ Newly executed (original or copy) ☐ Unexecuted
 - b. ☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
[Note Box 5 below]
 - i. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2)
and 1.33(b).
5. ☒ Incorporation By Reference (useable if Box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy
of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered
as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application
and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
 - b. ☐ Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. ☐ Statement verifying identity of above copies

8. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☐ Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)
10. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
11. ☐ Information Disclosure ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment
13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
14. ☐ Small Entity ☐ Statement filed in prior application,
Statement(s) Status still proper and desired
15. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to ASAHI
KOGAKU KOGYO KABUSHIKI KAISHA
16. ☒ Foreign priority claimed
 - a. ☒ Claim of Priority
 - b. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
17. ☐ Other: _____

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior Application No. 08/932,197, filed September 17, 1997.
19. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:This application is a continuation-in-part, continuation, division, of Application No. / , filed .

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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- ☐ Charge the Issue Fee Set in 37 CFR 1.18 at the Mailing of the Notice of Allowance, 37 CFR 1.311(b)

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FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 11/13/98)

1. FILING FEE

Large Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Small Fee Code	Entity Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	690	201	345	Utility filing fee	<u>690</u>
106	310	206	155	Design filing fee	<u> </u>
107	480	207	240	Plant filing fee	<u> </u>
108	690	208	345	Reissue filing fee	<u> </u>
114	150	214	75	Provisional filing fee	<u> </u>

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 690

2. CLAIMS

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent Claims	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u> </u>	<u>-20=</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>-3=</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
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103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	78	202	39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	260	204	130	Multiple dependent claim
109	78	209	39	Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105	130	205	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	<u> </u>
127	50	227	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	<u> </u>
139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	<u> </u>
147	2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	<u> </u>
112	900*	112	900*	Requesting publication of SIR	<u> </u>
				Prior to Examiner action	<u> </u>
113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	<u> </u>
115	110	215	55	Extension for response within 1st month	<u> </u>
116	380	216	190	Extension for response within 2nd month	<u> </u>
117	870	217	435	Extension for response within 3rd month	<u> </u>
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for response within 4th month	<u> </u>
128	1,850	228	925	Extension for response within 5th month	<u> </u>
119	300	219	150	Notice of Appeal	<u> </u>
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	<u> </u>
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	<u> </u>
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	<u> </u>
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive unavoidably abandoned application	<u> </u>
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive unintentionally abandoned application	<u> </u>
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	<u> </u>
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	<u> </u>
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	<u> </u>
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	<u> </u>
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	<u> </u>
126	240	126	240	Submission of IDS	<u> </u>
581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	<u> </u>
146	760	246	380	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	<u> </u>
149	760	249	380	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	<u> </u>

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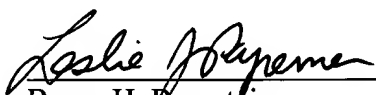
CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 based upon Japanese Application Nos. 8-245244, filed September 17, 1996; 8-245245, filed September 17, 1996; and 8-255030, filed September 26, 1996. As required by the Statute, certified copies of the Japanese applications have been filed in parent Application No. 08/932,197, filed September 17, 1997.

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Notice of Decision of Rejection

Patent application number
1996 Patent application number 245245

Date of draft
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Patent office examiner
Takashi Hamano 9108 2V00

Name of invention
Focus detection device

Patent applicant
Pentax Corporation

Applicant's representative
Kunio Miura

A decision of rejection has been made for this application, as per the reasons given in the Notice of Decision of Rejection dated Sept. 12, 2002. The contents of the written opinion and amendment of proceedings have been examined, but it has been determined that they do not contain basis for overturning of the reasons for rejection.

Note:

Allowing for switching of the A/D converter's conversion precision according to the CCD line sensor's saturation output voltage is published in Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No.07-327130, and therefore does not represent novelty.

The above is hereby attested to be the same as that information kept on file.
Certified: Mar. 13, 2003
Ministry of Economy, Trade, and Industry Officer Yoshimasa Tsukamoto